

April 2018

The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center

Message from the Director



Hello friends,

We are excited to kick off our Pyramid Model work mascot this month!! Tucker the Turtle will be ever present in our facility and many of your children already know him. We received a grant for our work and are thrilled to welcome Tucker and his messages for young children.

— Miss Kelly

Science Class Notes

Spring is upon us! That means we will be adding more gardening to our science time and learning about other changes that come with the season! Our younger friends will explore several science sensory bins including ponds, frogs, ducks, and some flowers. In addition, they will be trying a new food item in their version of 2Bite Club and doing some chemistry play with water and gelatin. Our older friends will be doing some STEM challenges with eggs by either blowing plastic ones across water or completing an Egg Drop Challenge in their classroom. In addition, we will do some weather science focusing on clouds and some chemistry where we turn milk into plastic. There will also be special activities for Week of the Young Child including rock painting and starting seeds for the garden! Happy growing and exploring!

— Farmer Jenn

Davis Pride

Angie | Center Director 3 years

Thank you for your hard work and dedication that you put in each day!

— Parent Conferences —

Watch your classroom information board for details and sign-ups coming soon about Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Notes & Reminders

5/26 | Closed for Memorial Day

7/4 | Closed for July 4th with holiday on a Wednesday, we will survey care needs to determine possible closures

Announcements

Book Fair, Literacy Night, Bake Sale & Penny Wars

I know it appeared as so much was going on, but our goal was to get books into the hands of young child and raise money for our center.

Thank you for your time and participation in our annual book fair event.

We were able to get \$2631 in Scholastic Dollars and \$606 in All for Books money.

Arrivals & Departure Times

Please remember we staff our facility based on the times you have indicated that you need care. An occasional earlier than usual or later than usual schedule change is fine, let us know, give us a call, write it in front counter notebook, or email Ms. Jenny in office. But if a pattern has changed for your work or school schedule, please let Ms. Kelly or Ms. Angie know.

We rely on consistency so that we always have the appropriate number of teachers in our groups of children.

Week of Young Child

Is April 16-20, we will be following NAEYC's themes, which are:

Monday: Music | Tuesday: Healthy Eating | Wednesday: Work Together |
Thursday: Artsy Day | Friday: Our Davis Family

We are excited to plan a week specifically surrounding the importance of your children and the magic they bring to our environment daily! Watch outside your child's classroom for more specifics with regard to these specific themes each day.

THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS

Ms. Deb, Ms. Alexis & Ms. Jennifer

Welcome SPRING! The rains will be coming and we will be watching the raindrops hit the window. Robins are here and the birds are singing. We will be going for walks so we can hear them sing. This month is an ideal time to explore the five senses. "Week of the Young Child" will bring lots of fun activities. Friday the 28th is Family Day and we would like to encourage you to take some time to spend with your infant here at the center. Please make sure your infant has appropriate outer wear for going on walks. Thanks.

Ms. Deb, Ms. Alexis and Ms. Jennifer



THE CREEPERS

Ms. Kathy & Ms. Sarah

This month we celebrate **SPRINGTIME!** Baby Animals, Rainy days, and rainbows will be our creative focus. We will read stories such as "Five Little Ducklings", "Blue Bird's Nest", and "What Makes a Rainbow". Our class will continue buggy walks to the Evergreen nature area to see the ducks as they return to the creek.

As our weather begins to vary, please bring in a fleece jacket for warmer days and a pair of nylon pants for outdoor play as the ground will likely still be damp. However, please leave the heavy winter gear on your child's hook as the weather changes.

We will continue improving our self-feeding skills and our signing "please", "more", and "all done".

Also, April 16th -20th Davis will celebrate "WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD". Look for upcoming information about fun activities happening that week!

Happy Spring!

Ms. Kathy & Ms. Sarah

THE SCOOTERS

Ms. Cassy & Ms. Emily

March seemed to fly by ever so quickly!

What a great success our Literacy Night was on Thursday, March 15th here at Davis. I want to applaud the wonderful staff we have here that ensure your children are engaged, excited and learning daily. Many things to come in the following months.

Regarding outdoor play, we request a bit of flexibility and patience on your end as the playground will adapt to the ever so changing weather forecast. Please keep outdoor gear here including snow pants, which we will now call mud pants, and bring a light addition such as a sweatshirt. You may laugh to see children dressed in snow pants and sweatshirts during the April or May months but this is the life of a Wisconsinite! And we love it!

Conferences will be just around the corner and at that time we will offer you a range of available times to meet with either Ms. Cassy or Ms. Emily to discuss your child's growth.

Ms. Cassy and Ms. Emily



THE WIGGLERS

Ms. Kelly & Mr. Evan

Happy April!

This month will be highlighted by Week of The Young Child, which is an annual celebration. It is sponsored by NAEYC and celebrates early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. This takes place April 16-20. Our April topics will include rain, umbrellas, mud, and sunshine. We will continue to celebrate and watch for blooms and buds, as our outdoor environment once again bursts with colors after winter. As the days get warmer we'll enjoy even more outdoor time, so please remember appropriate clothing for outdoor play. You may want to consider rain boots, as our playground unthaws from the winter months. Two year old's are just beginning to play cooperatively and need gentle guidance and frequent reminders to share, take turns, to respect other individual's personal space, and use words rather than physical methods to express negative feelings. As Wiggler teachers, we expect an occasional push or pull. When this occurs we try to talk the children through these moments as our little ones gain greater control and understanding of social interactions.

Happy Spring!

Miss Kelly and Mr. Evan



THE TROOPERS

Ms. Sara & Ms. Alyson

The Troopers are ready for warmer weather and more outdoor fun, so we welcome April with open arms. As always in Wisconsin spring-time, our weather can be very different day-to-day. Please have a variety of outdoor gear for your child, as the temperature changes quite drastically even from morning to afternoon too. Keep in mind, the children are very active and get warm easily during outdoor play, so layers or lighter jackets are helpful for our little ones. Thank you for helping the Troopers be comfortable so they can enjoy their time even more so.

We would like to give a shout-out to all the Trooper parents for participating in all the "color" fun and learning in March. We appreciate the participation and help with hands-on learning. Awesome job, everybody!

The month of April brings many fun, learning experiences for the Troopers. The most important and exciting week of the month is the Week of the Young Child in mid-April. Watch for the special days and the activities they include. The Week of the Young Child is always exciting and well-celebrated at Davis.

Happy Spring, everyone!

Ms. Sara and Ms. Aly



THE HOPPERS

Ms. Diane

Yipeeeeeee! Spring is finally here and it's even starting to feel like it!

April showers bring lots of mud!! For now, keep your winter gear here but, as the weather starts to (hopefully) heat up and winter wear is no longer a viable option. They may need a thin pair of mittens inside of the waterproof ones.

Literacy night was a huge success as well - another huge thank you for donating spare change and books for our classroom!! My Hopper friends and parents did an amazing job on reading!!

The Hopper class is continuing working on their self help skills. Some of my friends are getting very good on zipping their own coats and pouring their own milk. There is a few spills when pouring there milk. It would be helpful if at home they could practice pouring from a small picture. Consistency can be the best practice.

This upcoming month seems to be just a busy as the last month, with the week of the young child. We will also be learning about the weather, space and Mother Earth. We planted sunflowers for our garden and will continue to watch them grow over the next few weeks, so feel free to come and share this experience with your child!

Thanks for all you do and here's to an amazing April!

Ms. Diane

THE SNAPPERS

Ms. Leah

Give a cheer, Spring is here! After what felt like a very long winter, we're excited for warmer weather. Being Wisconsin though, we never know what we're going to get weather-wise. Please make sure to send a sweatshirt and a jacket so we can dress for in and out doors appropriately. Please also leave the snow pants here for a little while yet-we all know it usually snows at least once in April, not to mention we wear them to protect ourselves from all the mud. J You are more than welcome to bring rain boots in instead of snow boots so they won't be as hot.

This month we will be learning about Flowers, Gardening, Week of the Young Child, and Earth Day! Just a reminder to please send your child in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. We will be digging and doing very fun, messy things this month! We will be working on simple shape recognition and taking turns while playing simple games. We are also going to be adopting a tree-information about this will be sent home a little later so be on the lookout!

We are going on a field trip to see Curious George and the Golden Meatball at the Grand Opera House on April 25th. The Week of the Young Child will also bring in special celebrations, be on the lookout for Tucker Turtle!!

Happy Spring!

Ms. Leah

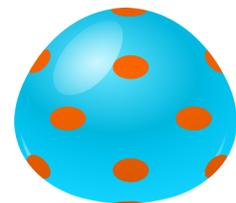


THE SPARKLERS

Ms. Christy

April showers bring May flowers! Let's hope that we do not get too much rain, because we love to go outside and play. Our Sparkler class won the read-a-thon, so we will be having an ice cream party on April 4th. Thank you, parents, for all your time reading to your kids. We have three exciting field trips this month. Two of our field trips will be to visit the grandmas and grandpas at Evergreen on April 9 and 23rd. The third field trip this month we will be going to The Grand Opera House to see Curious George on April 25th. Our sign-up sheet will be on our Sparkler board. The Week of the Young Child will be April 16th-20th. That week we will have tons of fun activities planned for the kids. Also, the Roving Reader, Miss Mary, will read us stories on April 16th. During the month we will be learning about Easter, weather, Week of the Young Child, pets, and birds. We are always working on being helpful friends in the Sparkler Room. This is a skill that takes a lot of time and patience.

Ms. Christy



THE RANGERS

Ms. Michelle & Ms. Sara

Happy April and spring to all!!!!!! We hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break. This month the Rangers will be going on another field trip to The Grand Opera on 4/25. We will be attending the play "Curious George," and we can't wait to see what kind of mischief that silly monkey will get into. We are going to need a couple of parent volunteers again for this trip, please keep a look out for a sign-up sheet which will be posted shortly on our Ranger Parent Board. There will be no 4K on 4/11 due to OSASD early release day. As many of you may have noticed with the slight warmth in temperature, spring has finally arrived and along with the season of mud. Since we do go out twice a day weather permitting, we are asking that you keep your child's cubby stocked with weather appropriate clothing, extra mittens, snow pants, and boots. If you wanted to take home your child's snow boots and replace them with rain boots that would be just fine.

Ms. Michelle and Ms. Sara

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Cheryl

Welcome Spring! We hope that the spring weather will follow soon, but till it arrives we have some exciting things coming up for this month.

Our topics of learning will be Spring Weather, Spring Flowers, and The Week of the Young Child. Many fun projects are being planned. Watch for more details. We have been working really hard on our alphabet pages and identifying what items start with each letter sound. Great introduction for 4K, also our cutting and name printing have taken giant leaps. Yeah Preschoolers.

As always more info will be in your weekly newsletter.

Have a wonderful month.

Ms. Cheryl



READY 4 LEARNING

Ms. Erika

This month we will be focusing on many things in class. We are becoming authors and illustrators of our own stories and have been really working on how a book/story is made. We have learned about different kinds of stories and how they have a beginning, middle and ending. We have also observed how the illustrations match what the story is telling.

Many children have made stories in class and are sharing them during read aloud time. We will continue to work on this as well as telling about another time and place and engaging in conversations. We have also been working on numbers, counting and 1:1 correspondence in small groups. We are also working on many new math concepts and games. Another challenge for this month will be to increase the time we spend at different activities in class, building stamina is an important skill as we look forward to Kindergarten. Our themes this month will be an author study of Mo Willems, looking at jobs and community helpers, learning about caterpillars, butterflies and other insects. We also celebrate the Week Of the Young Child this month and some special activities will be planned. I will send more details in the weekly newsletter. Just a reminder there is no school on April 11th.

Miss Erika



READY 4 LEARNING

Ms. Kimberly & Ms. Cassie

Welcome, Spring! We have some fun activities and themes planned for this month. Week of the Young Child is April 16-20. There will be lots of fun in store for all the children so we can show them how special they are! We are working hard on math and literacy skills in small group. We are also working hard on solving problems independently. We are so proud of how all the children are doing with writing their names. Some of us are writing our last names! Please continue to work on this at home. There is no school April 11. Please see our weekly classroom newsletter for more details about specific activities and what we are doing at school! Have an amazing April!

Miss Kimberly and Miss Cassie